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In Response to the Office Action of January 8, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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In the specification:

Please replace the last paragraph on page 3 with the following new paragraph.

--Referring to Figure 1, an ink drying system 10 for high speed printing according to a first embodiment of the present invention is shown. A sheet 12 of material to be imprinted is passed by a printing head 14 in a longitudinal direction of travel, as indicated by the arrow, at speeds which may reach up to about 5 m/s. The printing head 14 can be any device for depositing ink; however, ink-jet

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